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SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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Scheme for Higher Studies of SCs
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing any scheme for encouragement of SC students to pursue research studies;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of applicants and beneficiaries and the funds allocated during the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and

(c) whether the Government has ensured subsidized hostel and mess facilities for the students belonging to the said category and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)
(a) to (c): The National Fellowship Scheme for Scheduled Caste (SC) students offer research fellowships to eligible SC students for pursuing M.Phil and Ph.D. Studies. University Grants Commission (UGC) is the nodal Agency for implementing the schemes. State-wise fund is not allocated under this scheme. The details of applicants and awards and the funds allocated during the last three years and the current year are as under;

Year	Funds allocated (Rs. In crore)	No. of applicants	No. of awards
2014-15	148.84	11346	2000
2015-16*	200.55	6742	2000
2016-17*	196.00		2000
2017-18	100.00	7302	2000

*selection held together

Under this scheme, those Students who are not provided with the Hostel accommodation, are paid admissible House Rent Allowance.
Beside the above, Post-matric Scholarship Scheme and National Overseas Scholarship Scheme for SC students respectively also provide scholarship for M.Phil and Ph.D studies. However, State-wise data on number of students pursuing research studies and amount utilized thereon is not maintained separately.